

In a Manor of Speaking



WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S NEW



MaryAnn Blanchard

Librarian

I am the new Friday evening and Saturday Reference Librarian. I am a Florida State graduate with a Masters in Library Science and Information Studies. My full time day position is with the Palm Beach County Public School System at North Technical Center as a Library/Media Specialist. My interests are in technology, science fiction, gems and minerals. I have been at PBCC for two weeks and I'm very enthusiastic about the students and staff. The students I have met have been wonderful- very hard working with positive attitudes. I am very happy for the opportunity to work here.



Dr. Elizabeth Erling

Volunteer

Our illustrious retired Vice President... Dr. Erling, after years of using the library and donating books to the library, now contributes her time to the library. "What better place to volunteer than the Harold C. Manor Library. Certainly there is more to the library than reading books. I'm learning a new field too.." says Dr. Erling.



Diana L. Reh

Intern (Library)

I have lived in West Palm Beach since 1979 coming from New York State. I was born in Fort Myers, Florida but raised in New York... I have been a social worker and retail store manager. I am pursuing a MLS (Masters of Library Science degree and taking courses in the East Coast Program of the University of South Florida. I am presently interning at PBCC library in all departments.



Bob Hatcher

Librarian

I work as a part-time librarian in the evening at PBCC-Reference and sometimes I'm in the computer lab conducting orientations. I am Media Department Head at Suncoast High School. I have a BS in Education-Comprehensive Social Studies. I also have a second undergraduate certification in Library Science as a Library/Media Specialist and a MLS (Masters in Library Science) in Public Library Administration. I work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 4-9 PM.



Christine Rodriguez

Staff (Part-Time)

I am a graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in Psychology. I have spent the last twenty years working for Waldenbooks, freelance writing and being a Mom. I was lucky enough to have published eight books in fiction and nonfiction. I am currently expanding my experience and love of books into the field of Library Science. I work at the Collection Access Services Desk Mon-Thurs...5-9 PM.



Anthony Verdesca

Staff (Part-Time)

I first became interested in working in libraries when...I dropped out of college. My youngest brother was still at home at the time and after an early Saturday morning's fishing, I'd take him to the town library to help him with his school work. While I myself was not the best student, I enjoyed helping him become one. I learned that I enjoyed helping people find books. (My younger brother by the way, upon successful completion of his college studies, continues to enjoy a successful career in one of this country's premiere Fortune 500 companies). In those days I also became an avid collector of "old books", especially History and Literature, frequenting the nice old bookshops of New Jersey and New York. I thought I would like to work in the second-hand book trade and live among those musty old treasures. It was John Fleming, the "prince of the rare book world" and proprietor of the A.S.W. Rosenbach collection, who advised me to pursue "bibliographic studies." At the time, this didn't seem feasible. Instead, I spent years earning my keep by working in machine shops. All along, I continued collecting books never forgetting his advice.

The years passed and then one day, I chanced upon an advertisement for a part-time library page position in Broward County. I applied, and for a short and thoroughly enjoyable stint, I worked in their Tamarac branch. That experience whetted my appetite and helped me make a decision. After almost ten years, I left the machine shop and finished my B.A. (Humanities) by night while I worked in the West Atlantic Avenue Branch of the Palm Beach County library by day. I've worked in other libraries since then. I now realized that it was time I formalized my library work experience with library studies and so with the encouragement of good people like Dee Cael of FAU's Special Collections and Otto Bettmann, of the Bettmann Archive, I registered for classes this past summer in USF's East Coast program.

While I still love books, I don't collect them nearly as much as I once did. But every now and then a nice old copy of Nathaniel Hawthorne turns up in a most unlikely place and I'll snatch it up or I'll chance upon the writings of some old Russian mystic of the last century or I'll come across a beautifully illustrated edition of Dante or a nicely bound copy of the short stories of Garcia-Marquez or... I like to write stories and poems. The latter I even attempt in Spanish and Italian. I like calligraphy, tennis, swimming and especially dancing meringue.

I look forward to being of service to the faculty, students and staff of Palm Beach Community College. I work in the Ell Mon-Tues 4-8 PM, Periodicals Fri or Sat.. Weekend hours.



Patricia Alvarez

Staff (Part-Time)

I was born in Cuba and came to this country at the age of 11. After graduating from high school in Miami, my family relocated to Louisiana. I received my B.A. From Louisiana State University in 1971. I worked in the library as a student worker and after graduating I stayed on for another 10 years. At the end of 1980, we moved to West Palm Beach due to my husband's employment. For the last 10 years I have worked in the medical field, always yearning to go back to library work. I am married to my husband for 26 years and have four wonderful sons. I work in Periodicals Mon -Tues 9-2 PM, Wed-Thurs 4-9 PM.

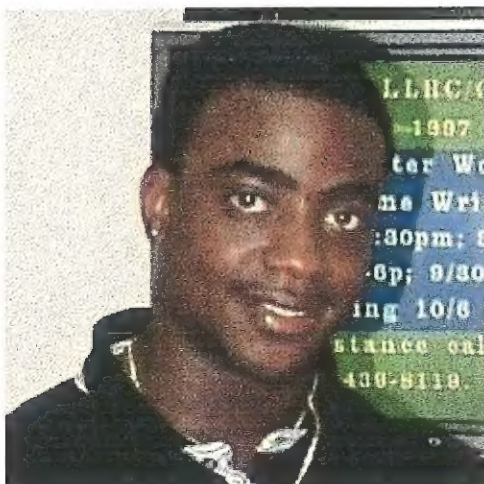


Rusty Wallraft

Staff (Part-Time)

Who's at the Helm?

I'm glad to be abroad the U.S.S. Media Services and I'm proud to be 2nd mate at the helm of CCTV. I've been here at PBCC for two years and I'm ready to sail (graduate) in the summer of 1998. I hope to find some adventures at FAU as enjoyable and rewarding as the ones here at PBCC. Thank you all for a great experience!!!! I work in Media Services Mon-Tues 2-9 PM, Wed...12-6 PM, Thurs 2-8PM, Fri 10-4PM.



Dennis Nelson

Work Study Student

I am a 1997 graduate of Glade Central Community High School. I am now in my freshman year at PBCC. I think of myself as being a very well-rounded individual and I am also very good with people.. So I chose my major to be Sociology. Sociology provides many fields that I think I would be good at. My present job is in the library where I do a variety of tasks.. shelving books, working on the internet and working in the ELL room. My present and future goals are to leave here with a very good GPA and attend the University of Florida.



Marie Altidor

Work Study Student

I was born and raised in Haiti. I came here when I was fourteen years old and my major in school is Nursing. I have worked in the Library as a Work Study student for several months. While I was working in the library I met Manouchka. She also works in the library as a Work Study Student. One day we were having a conversation and I found out she was Haitian and used to live in the same city where I was raised. After many conversations Manouchka told me that her grandparents thought we might be related. This summer we both went to Haiti and found out that we are related "really related to each other", as a matter of fact our parents live across the street from each other...Ever since then.. Manouchka and I have become closer than we were before.



Manouchka Lovanice

Work Study Student

I was born on July 26, 1975. I am originally from a small island called Haiti. I came to the United States at a very young age. I graduated from Lake Worth High School. After high school, I started to attend Palm Beach Community College. I will be getting my AA degree and moving on to a four year university. As far as I know, I will be attending Florida International University in Miami. My major is Sports Administration. I want to be an agent. I am a real sport fanatic. I also work with the Basketball team as a coach's assistant. I've been working at the library since the Winter'97 and so far it's been great. During the summer term it came as a great surprise to me to find out that Marie and I are related (distant cousins). Over the summer break I went back to Haiti for the first time since I came to the United States. I had a good time. At first, I was scared to go because of what I hear on television but when I got there it was an experience of my lifetime. By far, my trip to Haiti was indeed the best summer vacation I ever had. I learned a big and valuable lesson and that is not to believe everything that the media says.

WHAT'S NEW...

Anita... saw her grandchild in mid-September and is expecting the Grandparent stork in January.

Sharon...is getting dizzy doing the twirls and “ta..ta..ta”.

Kathy...enjoyed her trip to Antigua..paddleboating, horseback riding, kyacking and eating FOOD... is this our Kathy????

Diana... is still hobbling around but is doing much better..

Lisa...went whale watching and didn't chew gum.

Jane... is excited about her adopted greyhound, Ivy, who is running in a special “Mutt Derby” to help promote aid for the Greyhound Pets of America..It will be held at the Kennel Club on Sunday September 21..at 6 PM. Adopted greyhounds will be racing against each other.

Brian...cruised to the Eastern Caribbean on the same ship that was used to film “Out to Sea” with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthieu.. The ship has now been named the “flu ship”.. Anyone know why?

Chris...has been crowned “Queen of Jokes”.. She does a great job in getting the jokes to all the departments and to the staff at the nursing home.

Peaches...Stacy (her daughter) is now a full time English High School teacher and 9th Grade Advisor.

Carole... spent three weeks researching pizza in Italy.. the best was in Rome.

Hank....when's the wedding date?.. Are we all in the wedding party?

Billy.... is being a “good son” and training his mother's dog.

Shirley... has been **uplifted** from the First Floor to the Second Floor.

Judy... sold her townhouse in 37 days and will become a private homeowner soon.

Marie... is waiting for Billy to train her “Wonder dog”.. The question is.. Who will train Billy?

Susan...invites everyone to see the creative bulletin boards in their office through the upcoming seasons.

Connie... has a new tenant in her Cocoa Beach house..a real estate entrepreneur in our midst.

Penny... misses her cohorts Judy and Joyce.

Nita.. . will be seeing the play Miss Saigon at the Kravis.. Think she'll get a Miss Saigon tattoo?

Rosemarie... wants to know who would like to do the newsletter next term?

Bonnie...is still craftin'...

Bill... is moving from Lantana and building a new home..

Doug... wonders how he's going to find a new "Eric".

Estaline...says .. If you want an interesting way to travel..try the Autotrain. She boarded Amtrak in Sanford and travelled to outside of Washington, DC. Her car was waiting to help her visit other northern areas.. The food was great on the train.

Jennifer's... Tip of the day is "always use SpellCheck to be sure you don't leave any "out".

NEWS FLASH

Jane is now the proud grandma of a seven pound 11 ounces girl.. Nicole Hanna..born September 22 at 8:48 PM. Also "Ivy" her greyhound won first place in the first race of the Mutt Derby. Don't ask about the other races... anyway..**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!**
